

Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

09/839,911

Examiner

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1. This communication is responsive to Appeal Brief filed 10/01/2004.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18.
3. The drawings filed on 20 April 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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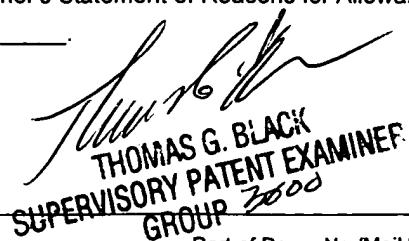
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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
 Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
 Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.



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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-18 are allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

3. Claim 1 and 13 are allowable because the prior art of record does not include:

A system for controlling an active suspension component of a vehicle AND a vehicle occupant protection device by a SINGLE controller. This only controller of the system is controllably connected to at least one active suspension component, controllably connected to at least one vehicle occupant protection device of the vehicle, and operatively connected to at least one sensor to provide at least one signal indicative of acceleration along at least one axis of the vehicle; the only controller of the system being operative to control at least one active suspension component and at least one vehicle occupant protection device in response to the at least one signal.

4. Claims 2-12 are allowable because they are dependent on Claim 1.

5. Claim 14 is allowable because it is dependent on Claim 13.

6. Claim 15 is allowable because the prior art of record does not include:

A method for controlling an active suspension component and an occupant protection device of a vehicle comprising of providing a single controller operatively connected to at least one active suspension component and at least one occupant protection device of the vehicle and operatively connected to at least one provided

sensor to provide a signal indicative to the controller of the vehicle acceleration along at least one axis of the vehicle. The only controller performs the following steps for determining: whether a vehicle roll condition exists and actuating the at least one active suspension component in response to the roll condition; whether a vehicle impact condition exists and actuating the vehicle occupant protection device in response to the vehicle impact condition; and whether a vehicle rollover condition exists and actuating the vehicle occupant protection device in response to the vehicle rollover condition.

7. Claims 16-18 are allowable because they are dependent on Claim 15.

8. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

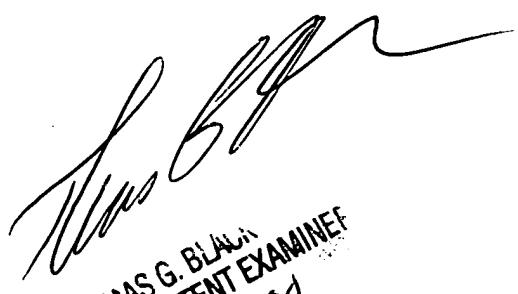
9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christine M. Behncke whose telephone number is (703) 305-0589. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM.

10. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas G. Black can be reached on (703) 305-8233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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